

September of 2002, she became the first African-American woman to be promoted from full colonel to flag officer in the Army National Guard. She was also the first minority woman to become a branch chief at the National Guard Bureau; the first African-American woman to be promoted to colonel in the Active Guard and Reserve Program, and the first woman to serve on the Army Guard director's special staff as the chief of Human Resources.

Salem Poor. Details of what took place at the Battle of Charleston, today known as the Battle at Bunker Hill are scarce, however it is clear that Poor's conduct was exceptional. A petition to the Continental Congress was signed by fourteen of his officers in an attempt to cite him for his heroism. The petition read, "A Negro called Salem Poor of Colonel Frye's regiment, Captain Ames' company, in the late battle at Charleston, behaved like an excellent officer, as well as an excellent soldier. It would be tedious to go into more detail regarding his heroic conduct. We only beg leave to say, in the person of this Negro centers a brave and gallant soldier." Despite the petition, Poor was never officially recognized for his actions. In 1975, two hundred years after the Battle of Bunker Hill, Salem Poor was honored on a stamp by the U.S. Postal Service.

Sergeant Cornelius H. Charlton. Charlton served during the Korean War. When his platoon was heavily attacked, he took control, rallying the troops and spearheading an attack up a heavily defended hill. Sgt. Charlton took control of two hostile positions and killed six enemy troops. Though wounded, he continued the advance and managed to damage a gun emplacement. Charlton was then hit by another grenade, this time mortally wounded. In recognition of his heroism, Cornelius Charlton was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in 1952. In 1999 the U.S. Navy named a Cargo ship the USNS *Charlton*, in honor of Sergeant Charlton.

General Colin L. Powell. Current Secretary of State Powell was a professional soldier for 35 years, during which time he rose to the rank of 4-star General. His last assignment, from October 1, 1989 to September 30, 1993, was as the 12th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the highest military position in the Department of Defense. He was the first African American to hold this position. During this time, he oversaw 28 crises, including Operation Desert Storm in 1991. After being unanimously confirmed by the U.S. Senate, he was sworn in as the 65th Secretary of State on January 20, 2001.

#### RECOGNITION OF KELLY HULT

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Kelly Hult, a very special young woman who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Girl Scouts of America, Troop 971, and in earning the most prestigious honor of the Gold Award.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest achievement attainable in girl scouting. To earn the Gold Award, a scout must complete five requirements, all of which promote com-

munity service, personal and spiritual growth, positive values, and leadership skills. The requirements include: (1) earning four interest project patches, each of which requires seven activities that center on skill building, technology, service projects, and career exploration; (2) earning the career exploration pin, which involves researching careers, writing resumes, and planning a career fair or trip; (3) Earning the Senior Girl Scout Leadership Award, which requires a minimum of 30 hours of work using leadership skills; (4) Designing a self development plan that requires assessment of ability to interact with others and prioritize values, participation for a minimum of 15 hours in a community service project, and development of a plan to promote girl scouting; and (5) spending a minimum of 50 hours planning and implementing a Girl Scout Gold Award project that has a positive lasting impact on the community.

For her Gold Award project, Kelly organized a father/daughter hike for a service unit.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Kelly Hult for her accomplishments with the Girl Scouts of America and for her efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of the Gold Award.

#### WILLIS EDWARDS, RECIPIENT OF CHRISTOPHER AWARD

#### HON. DIANE E. WATSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2003*

Ms. WATSON. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and share the news that a good friend and colleague of mine, Mr. Willis Edwards, received a prestigious Christopher Award for his work as an Executive Director of the film, *The Rosa Parks Story*. The awards ceremony was held last month, on February 27th, in New York City.

The *Rosa Parks Story* stars Angela Bassett, Cicely Tyson and Dexter Scott King, the son of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The film brings to life the peaceful dissent an exhausted Rosa Parks showed on a crowded Montgomery, Alabama bus, in 1955, and the Civil Rights Movement that ensued. The movie originally aired on television on February 24, 2002.

It is difficult for African American actors, directors and others in the industry to receive recognition for their hard work in the entertainment industry. I am pleased that the Christopher was able to recognize and acknowledge the outstanding performance and talent of Mr. Edwards as well as others involved in the film.

I was honored to host a congressional screening of the film, *The Rosa Parks Story*, last year prior to the film's television debut. I had the good fortune then of meeting Ms. Angela Bassett, Ms. Cicely Tyson, Ms. Julie Dash and many others who were instrumental in the success of this movie. Ms. Julie Dash was nominated for a prestigious Director's Guild of America Award earlier this year for her work directing the film.

The film received two nominations for an NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Television Movie, Miniseries or Dramatic Special, and for Ms. Angela Bassett's performance as Ms. Rosa Parks.

This film has held meaning and significance for me personally, and it brings me great joy

to see Mr. Willis Edwards' work acknowledged with a Christopher Award.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. EVAN HANKIN

#### HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2003*

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Evan Hankin on the celebration of his 60th birthday. A resident of Newton, Massachusetts, Mr. Hankin will celebrate this milestone on March 17, 2003.

The son of Toby and Sidney Hankin and a native of Buffalo, New York, Mr. Hankin received his undergraduate degree from The University of Buffalo and followed up his undergraduate degree by pursuing and receiving a Masters of Business Administration from Boston College. The husband of Barbara Hankin for 34 years and the father of Markos and Stefan Hankin, he is an active member of the art and cultural communities in Massachusetts.

In addition to being a loving husband and father, Mr. Hankin is also the President of Hankin Construction Company, based in Woburn, Massachusetts. For many years, Hankin Construction built new schools in many towns and cities across Massachusetts, as well as providing the restoration of some of the Commonwealth's great historical landmarks. A union contractor, Mr. Hankin has made a commitment to ensuring that his employees are happy and the job is done right.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in wishing Mr. Evan Hankin a happy 60th birthday.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO DUNCANVILLE PANTHERETTES, GIRLS BASKETBALL 5-A CHAMPIONS

#### HON. MARTIN FROST

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 4, 2003*

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize and congratulate the remarkable Duncanville Pantherettes girls basketball team for winning the 2003 Texas Division 5-A championship.

This weekend, Pantherette fever was running high across North Texas as Duncanville battled Georgetown for the state title. Duncanville's defense was overwhelming as they held their opponents to a meager 27 points, a record low total for a UIL Class 5-A title game. The Pantherettes dominated their foes all season en route to a 39-1 record and talk of a repeat is already rampant.

This year's championship team builds upon a remarkable record for girls basketball at Duncanville. This is the Pantherettes' 6th basketball title and 15th appearance in the state championship.

Winning the state championship is a fitting culmination to the careers of Duncanville's seven seniors, five of whom have signed to play basketball in college and four signed with Division I teams. Those are big shoes to fill, but Duncanville's underclassmen say they are